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REPORT

TOPIC Welzow Airfield

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EVALUATION

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REFERENCES

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1. A sum of 11 million eastmarks is allegedly scheduled for a new construction project, presumably barracks, at Welzow airfield. ¹

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2. Between 1230 and 1600 on 23 February, no air activity was observed at Welzow airfield. There was cloudy weather; seventeen canvas-covered Il-28s were parked in front of the hangars. ²

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3. The previously reported AA gun emplacement near the road fork northwest of the airfield and the cemetery was again occupied. Eight medium AA guns and 2 model AA 1 MK 2 radar sets were observed. The medium AA guns presumably were 85-mm guns because their barrels were very slim and without hoops as are observed on 76-mm guns. ³

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4. Radio and radar installations:

A single-mast radio installation next to a radio truck was observed about 1 km east of the runway. Truck mounting a searchlight 60 to 80 mm in diameter was observed nearby. The Token-type radar set was still located north of the runway. The model AA 4 MK 3 set was observed north of the eastern end of the runway as previously. Nearby was a Fishnet-type radar set which was next to a radio truck. ⁴

5. Large-scale construction projects were apparently planned south of the main entrance to the field outside of the fence, where large heaps of bricks were seen. Construction sheds and quartering barracks were under construction. Excavation work has not yet started. ¹

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1. Comment. construction work will start soon. No details are available on the extent of construction work.

2. Comment. The number of Il-28s observed at the field agrees with the assumed aircraft strength of the unit which is believed to be a reconnaissance regiment.

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Comment. This AA gun emplacement was last reported as being occupied by 6 x 76-mm guns in early June 1954. Another AA gun emplacement is known to be located in the northeastern section of the field. The last time that 12 x 37-mm AA guns were observed there was in late May 1954. The AA 1 MK 2 set was reported several times.

Comment. The radar stations have previously been confirmed.

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